

How to Create a Split Screen Dance Video in the Perfect Video App

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Step 1 - Get the App!

[Download](#) the Perfect Video App (I believe it is only available for iPhone and iPad)

It's free, woo!



Please note I will be explaining these directions from the perspective of using two videos to create a split screen dance video, using an iPhone as my editing device.

Step 2 - Time to Dance!

- Set up your green screen (if you don't already have one set up)
 - I ordered [this](#) in the spring and it worked well. It can be a little shiny depending on your lighting which can make it more of a process to edit out the green screen color.
 - I am currently using that and I also bought green tablecloths from the dollar store which are working great and are a better bang for your buck!
- If you don't plan on using a green screen that's no problem and is not necessary! The split screen effect isn't dependent on a green screen.
- Film your dances! For reference, these are the two videos I made:

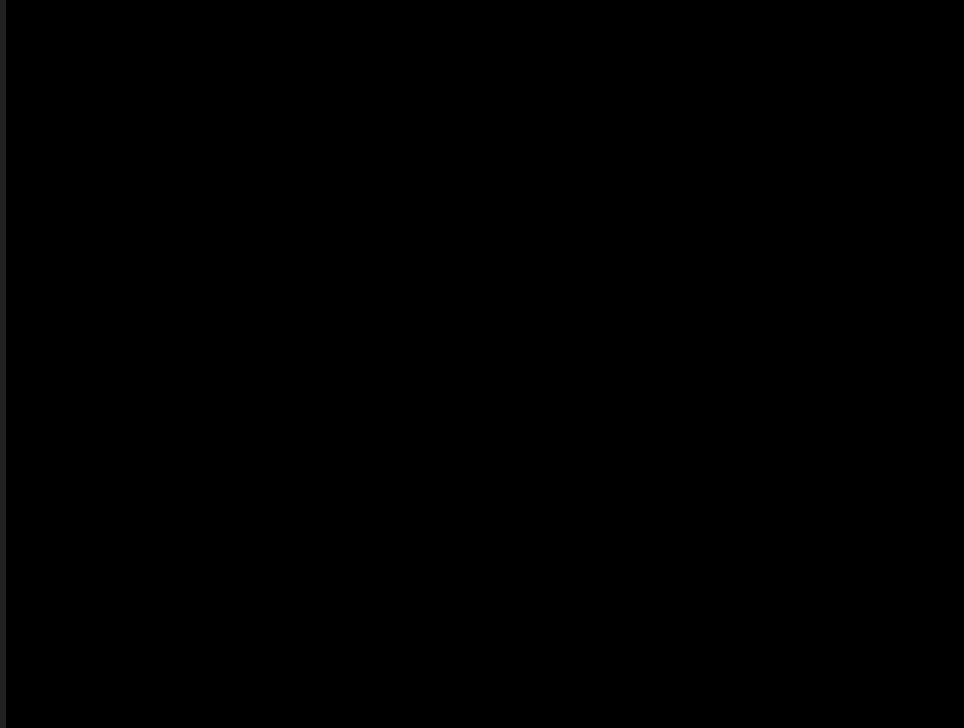


Step 3 - Trim/Crop Your Videos if Needed

- This step isn't necessarily needed depending on how you film. For me, since I didn't use a bluetooth remote to start/stop my video, I had to trim the beginning and end of my videos to cut out my awkward start/stop procedures.
- I also had to crop my videos to remove some of the wall/floor in the video in order to just have my green screen in the video.
- While trimming your videos, make sure that they both line up in regards to the timing and length.
- I have an iPhone and these are simple edits that can be done right in your Photos App when you open your video. See the video on the next slide for reference.



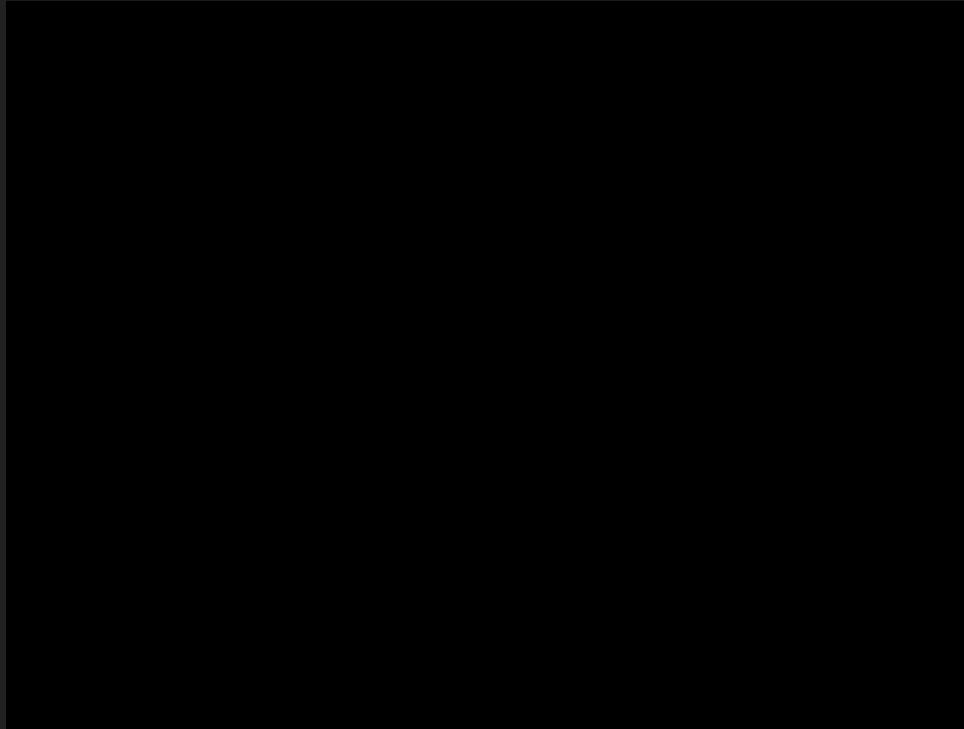
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Step 4 - Dance Moves for Bottom of the Screen

- First, you will want to play through your video and screenshot the various dance moves that you will be putting on the bottom of your screen.
- Next, go to ww.remove.bg and upload each picture. This website will remove the green background of each image so that it is transparent/white. You will hit Upload Image for each picture. Then you will click download and view. You have several options from this point in regards to saving and editing your new image.
- Learning from my first video, my main suggestion would be to take a screenshot of each image and click the thumbnail to open the editing tools. You will crop and add the dance move text to your screenshot images. See the video on the next screen.

Step 4 - Dance Moves for Bottom of the Screen



Step 5 - Image for Your Video Background

- If you plan on using a different image to set as your video background, find it and save it to your photos.
- What I personally did to get the white portion on the bottom of my video for the dance moves to play on was to open that image in my Photos App and took a screenshot of the image. When you take a screenshot, the new image should come up as a small thumbnail in the bottom corner that you can click and open with editing tools. Crop your image so that the bottom portion of your image has extra space at the bottom. This will not work for all images.
- If your image does not have a white border, you can download an app such as PicCollage (free) and upload the image in the freestyle option and take a screenshot that way so that it has a white border.
- The video on the next screen will show you how to perform either of those edits.



Step 5 - Image for Your Video Background



How to Edit Your Split Screen Video

This video picks up after you have completed those previous steps. I have gone through and tried to write out some of the steps, but the video will hopefully provide a more in depth look at how to create this type of project!



Step 6 - Upload/Edit Videos to App

- When you open the Perfect Video app, you will click the plus (+) sign to create a new project and upload your first video.
- You don't need to adjust any settings so click done on the next screen.
- Once uploaded, click on video thumbnail to edit the video.
- If using a green screen, click the Chroma Key icon and then click the Color icon. Click on your green screen and use the sensitivity and smoothness bars to adjust your edits. This may take a few tries to get it right. After you remove your green screen, click the check mark in the upper right corner. Your video should now have a black background. Click the check mark again to return to the home editing screen.
- Next, click the PiP Video icon. Click the Video icon and select your second video.



Chroma Key



Color



PiP Video



Video

Step 6 - Edit Videos

- If you recorded audio on both videos (which is what I did - I did not upload a separate soundtrack), you will need to turn down the volume to 0 so that only one video is playing sound. After you do this, hit done.
- Again, if using a green screen, you will hit the Chroma Key icon and go through the same process to remove the green screen on this video by clicking the remove color icon and adjusting your toolbars until you reach your desired edit. Once you are happy, click the check mark in the upper right corner. Again, your background should now be black and videos appear on top of each other. Make sure your dance moves align!
- Click on the PiP icon again and click the Type icon. Then select the layout for your split screen. For my video, I selected the 4th option of a side by side video. Use your fingers to resize and adjust yourself on both videos.



Chroma Key



Type

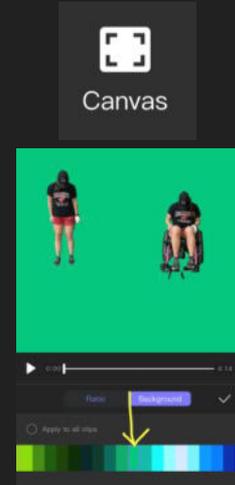
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- Once you have completed those steps, this is what your video should now look like:



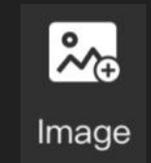
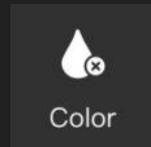
Step 7 - Saving as a New Video

- Next, on the editing screen, click the Canvas icon.
- Click the Background tab.
- Scroll over and change the background color to lime green and hit the check mark.
- Click the purple DONE button to return to the main home editing screen.
- Click the arrow in the upper right hand corner and click save. I saved mine in the HD-1080p option. This will save the video to your camera roll in your Photos app.
- Once you receive the notification that your video has been exported, click OK, and click the chevron arrow in the upper left hand corner to go back to the project screen.



Step 8 - Upload Your New Video

- Click the arrow in the upper right hand corner to create a new project.
- Upload the video you just created and saved. And again hit done on the next screen.
- Click on the video thumbnail to edit. Click the Chroma Key icon and the Color icon to remove your new green screen (sorry I know that seems silly to have gotten rid of it in the first place!) Your background should turn black again.
- Next, (still in the Chroma Key tool) click the Image icon and select the background image with the white bottom you would like to set as your new video background. (Reminder: your image may need to be cropped/edited a few times in order to fit the screen the way you would like it to.)



Step 9 - Adjusting the Size of your New Video

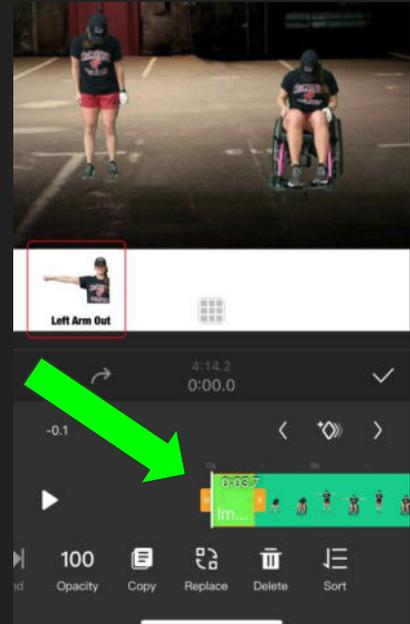
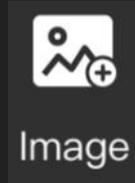
- After you select and upload your edited background image that you want to use in place of your green screen, you can click the Canvas icon to adjust the ratio size of your video. This may vary based on your background image and the look you are going for. I preferred the original, 1:1 or 4:5 ratio options but this will be more of a case by case basis.
- This is a step where you may need to continue to edit your background image and re-upload it until you feel content with the sizing of your video against the background.



Canvas

Step 10 - Adding in the Dance Moves at the Bottom

- Next you will click on the Image icon (remember, at this point you should already have all of your dance move images saved and labeled in your camera roll.) In this new screen you will again click the Image icon. Click on the image of the dance move you want to upload.
- When the image shows up you will need to use your fingers to adjust the size of the image and place it at the bottom of your video in the white space, in the correct order. When you are happy with the size and location, make sure the image is selected and at the bottom of your screen you will use the sliding bar to start/stop the image appearing and disappearing on your screen.
- Next, click the little check mark. You will then repeat that process for the number of dance moves you want to show up at the bottom of your screen at one time.
- This is a tedious, time consuming step so I will explain the bulk of the directions for this in the full demo video.



Step 11 - Finalizing Your Video!

- Once you have added all of your dance move directions, you should be all set!
- To save your video you will hit the purple DONE button.
- Click the arrow in the upper right hand corner and click save. I saved mine in the HD-1080p option. This will save the video to your camera roll in your Photos app and from there you can save it to Google Drive, email, etc.
- And wa-la! Hopefully you now have an awesome split screen dance video... and some patience left!





Snap



Air Punches



Side Row Left

This is my full video or access it on Google Drive [HERE](#)

This was my first time creating a video like this using the Perfect Video App. I'm sure there are things that could definitely be improved or simplified! I can be a bit of a perfectionist, so I may have created more work for myself haha, but if you happen to find any easier ways to approach this I'd love to hear from you!

Thanks for your time and feel free to reach out with any questions!

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